

Situational Report		
Event Name:		Operational Date / Time:
2022 Unvaccinated Truckers Protest		12 FEB 2022 1200hrs – 12 FEB 2022 1800hrs
Deployment Highlights		
- Provincial Deployment Model in place: - All deployment requests to Samia and Windsor have been fulfilled. - EOC currently working to staff HSD requirements.		
Regional Highlights		
East Region / NCRCC		
OTTAWA - Approximately 500 people in attendance on Parliament Hill. - Approximately 7000 demonstrators on Wellington Street and surrounding streets. - Approximately 500 trucks remain in Ottawa's downtown core. - Group of protestors have been described as unorganized, disjointed, and difficult to negotiate with. - OPS has indicated that interactions with uniform and protestors/supports are becoming increasingly confrontational. 20 full patch Black Pistons OMG were observed on Parliament Hill. - There is a Strong Anti-Police presence at the intersection of Rideau and Sussex. Demonstrator not allowing Law Enforcement through the area. - Ottawa Police advise Coventry Road has become a staging area for re-fueling for protestors. - There has been an increase in situations that OPS are currently responding to.		
Assigned Resources		
OPP Resources	Staffing	Notes
MCIC/CIC	3	Insp. Ferguson, Duval, Springer CIC Ferguson
Planning / Support	12	7- Support 4 – Auxiliary 1 – Dispatcher 25 cruisers
Frontline	60	27 Cruisers
POU	41	1 hour cycles
PLT	10	

Members deployed to Ottawa on a 7 day cycle (Saturday – Saturday)

- ER – 30 days
- CR – 21 days, 6 nights
- HSD – 3 days
- NER – 2 days
- Other - 15

Cornwall

- Command Post established in Cornwall.
- Approximately 200 demonstrators.
- Approximately 75 trucks.
- PLT engaged.
- AMPS Jim Swamp is engaged and the point of contact for any issues from Akwesasne community members.
- No major issues or concerns reported.

Assigned Resources – Cornwall

OPP Resources	Staffing	Notes
MCIC/CIC	2	IC – Insp. Hemmerick / CIC Inspector Duval
Planning / Support		
Frontline	9	Members deployed from Ottawa to assist
POU		
PLT	1	

Thousand Island Bridge

- No reported issues thus far.
- 4 members on OT (1 Sgt – 3 P/C's) at T/I.
- 1 TMO (OT).
- 3 HSD members.
- 4 members are on-call at this time.

Johnstown

- 2 members on OT (1 DC, 1 PC).
- Nightshifts are reduced to 2 members at each location.

West Region

Ambassador Bridge

- Approximately 500-600 protestors at College Ave.
- Approximately 33 vehicles remain on Huron Church.
- Line is being maintained by POU.
- POU have cleared Areas 1 and 2.
- Cement barriers have arrived to maintain areas POU have secured.
- POU moving protestors into the intersection.
- Plan underway to maintain area that has been secured by POU.
- All northbound traffic on Huron Church Road blocked by protestors between College Ave and Totten Street.
- Police have control of Huron Church from College Ave to Bridge.
- Tunnel is open to passenger vehicles.
- [REDACTED] 5000 people coming from Ottawa and this will be the new grounds.
- PLT engaged with US Officials, and monitoring events.

Assigned Resources		
OPP Resources	Staffing	Notes
MCIC/CIC	2	CIC Dana Earley IC – Wendy Burrows
Planning / Support		8 cruisers and 3 vans
Frontline	170	Between day and night shift
POU	34 – Waterloo Regional PS 45 – RCMP (10 ERT) 45 – OPP (Insp. Younan)	All onsite at this time
PLT	7	1 assigned to CP 6 assisting Windsor PS
Aviation	2	C-GOXY/ARPAS

Bluewater Bridge

- Bluewater Bridge remains stable.
- 30 people gathering at the Waterfront Park. PLT engaged.

Hwy 402

- Hwy 402 WB remains closed between Nauvoo Road and Oil Heritage Road.

Assigned Resources – Sarnia		
OPP Resources	Staffing	Notes
MCIC/CIC	1	IC – Insp. Hemmerick
Planning / Support		
Frontline	9	Members deployed from Ottawa to assist
POU		
PLT	1	

MTO

- HSD (GTA): 3 MTO units assisting with QEW closure in Niagara.
- Oxford County: 2 MTO enforcement officers supporting Oxford Cty Det with Hwy 401 patrol 1000-2000.
- Ottawa PS: 4 MTO enforcement officers CMV enforcement in City Limits 0800-2000.
- Scheduled MTO units in West Region staged in Windsor and Sarnia TIS locations.
- Scheduled MTO units in East Region staged in Ottawa area.

Queen's Park

- Protestors have completed their march and have reconvened in the North Park.
- Approximately 500 protestors remain in the park.
- Road closures preventing entry into the Frost building (Ministry of Finance) off of Grosvenor.



Photos provided by LPS (1300hrs)

Central Region

- No large scale convoys scheduled in the area.

HSD

- HSD CP remains stood up.
- HSD now has 40 officers available across the HSD for calls for service.
- EB QEW remains closed at Gilmore Road.
- The Gardiner and DVP has reopened, TPS had closed it to limit vehicular traffic entering the downtown core.

Peace Bridge – Niagara Falls

- Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority moving heavy equipment to block/protect property.
- Approximately 100 vehicles on the QEW northbound at Lions Creek being monitored.
- NRPS reports approximately 200 vehicles in Fort Erie clogging up traffic.

Assigned Resources – HSD

OPP Resources	Staffing	Notes
MCIC/CIC	3	CIC – Insp. Taylor-Bolton, IC S/Sgt. Heinz, IC Sgt. Dzurus
Planning / Support		
Frontline	30	23 detailed to traffic points / 7 providing relief
Frontline	42	Deployed to Niagara Region

POU		
PLT	1	
Aviation	1	C-FOPP – Cleared area

Assigned Resources – HSD		
OPP Resources	Staffing	Notes
MCIC/CIC		
Planning / Support		
Frontline	30	30 members being deployed from Rogers Centre to assist with static traffic points.
POU		
PLT		

Toronto Police Service

- TPS had closed the Gardiner and DVP to limit vehicular traffic entering the downtown core earlier but it has since reopened.

Assigned Resources – HSD		
OPP Resources	Staffing	Notes
MCIC/CIC		
Planning / Support		
Frontline	30 deployed 11-13 th 18	Assisting with traffic Toronto deployment
POU		
PLT	1	

North East Region

- No large scale convoys scheduled in the area.

North West Region

- Manitoba RCMP confirmed Emmerson border crossing in Manitoba has been completely blocked. This could cause a block along Highway 17 at the Ontario/Manitoba border.
- Planned convoy from Thunder Bay to Pigeon River border, Highway 61. ERT, PLT and uniform members staging in area.
- Planned convoy/protest for Nipigon River Bridge, Highway 11/17. ERT, PLT and uniform members staging in area.

Static Demonstrations

	Fort Frances	Pigeon River Border	Location 3
Time of Event	Unknown	Unknown	
Location	Fort Frances	Hwy 61	
# participants	Unknown	Unknown	
Sentiment	Peaceful –PLT engaged	Compliant	

Planned Events**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2022**

Time	Event	Type	Location	PLT engaged	Region	Description
1800hrs	Hanover – Walkerton Freedom Convoy	Convoy	Hanover - Walkerton	Yes	WR	Every night will be completing a loop from Hanover Wal-Mart.

Corporate Communications

OPP Protest-Related Media Releases

None in this reporting cycle.

Government of Canada/Ontario/Ministries/Police Services

Windsor Police Service – Message to Demonstrators from Windsor Police Service

EXCERPT: “The Windsor Police Service wants to make demonstrators clearly aware that it is a criminal offence to obstruct, interrupt or interfere with the lawful use, enjoyment, or operation of property. The offence itself is known as mischief to property.”

Ottawa Police Service: Ottawa Police Service Deploying All Available Officers to Enforce Neighbourhood Safety

EXCERPT: “Overnight, demonstrators exhibited aggressive behaviour towards law enforcement including refusing to follow directions, overwhelming officers, and otherwise subverting enforcement efforts.”

Media Inquiries/Responses/Other

CHCH: Jason Gaidola asking number of OPP members in attendance at the Peace Bridge, why members are not removing protesters on the highway, what additional authorities have been granted under the State of Emergency. Referred reporter to speak with Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS).

St. Catharines Standard -- Victoria Nicolaou requesting update on Peace Bridge, police plans, why QEW was closed, other issues to report. Referred to NRPS.

SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT

OPP Social Media

@OPP_News –

@OPP_ER – Traffic advisory regarding delays on Hwy 417; traffic delays on Hwy 416 and 401.

@OPP_WR – Pinned Advisory: Monitoring demonstration on #402

@OPP_NWR –

@OPP_HSD – Tweet: QEW Fort Erie bound closed at Gilmore Road

Relevant Social Media Content

@OttawaCity – “Ottawa City has filed a legal injunction to address the actions of protesters during the ongoing demonstration. More information to be shared in the following days. Stay up to date.”

@OttawaPolice –

@Ottawa_Traffic – Various routes restricted/closed incl.

@TPSOperations – Tweets regarding road closures.

@NCC_CCN –

@NRPS (Niagara Police) – Retweeted OPP HSD's tweet regarding QEW closure.

@WindsorPolice – Various enforcement-related tweets.

@ABC – Aerial coverage of Windsor enforcement from ABC News.

MEDIA SUMMARY

Ottawa

Toronto Sun – WARMINGTON: OPP pay Big Brother-style visit to Facebook user's home

EXCERPT: “It’s an intimidation tactic,” ██████ said, “and a complete overreach of power.”

Kawartha411 – OPP Pay Surprise “Visit” To Local Woman Who Posted On Freedom Convoy Facebook Page
EXCERPT: “Publicly available information is used at times by the Provincial Liaison Team (PLT) to identify event organizers for outreach. Proactive contact is one way to help facilitate events that are safe and lawful.” Gosia Puzio, Media Relations & Community Services Coordinator, Central Region Ontario Provincial Police told Kawartha 411 News. However, a former police officer we spoke to says this is not normal practice and could be illegal. “This is surveillance. Facebook is a public domain. That’s fair game. But to find where someone lives you would need to use a police database and that’s wrong.” a retired officer, who wanted to remain anonymous, told Kawartha 411 News. “I question the use of MTO, NICHE or CPIC for this.”

Peterborough Examiner – Peterborough Freedom Convoy supporter is furious over doorstep visit from OPP officer

Blaze Media – Canadian cop visits woman’s home, admits police are monitoring her Facebook group, hands her info on ‘peaceful protests’: Nice to know that we’re being watched

Daily Caller – Video appears to show Canadian Police Visiting Home of Woman Who Supported the Truckers on Facebook

BlogTO – Karen films OPP officer and accuses police of watching a public Facebook page

CBC News – OPP officer uses police cruiser as a photo booth for protesters

CBC News – Ottawa police say protesters overwhelmed officers on Friday night

***EXCERPT:** The Ottawa Police Service says its officers were overwhelmed by aggressive behaviour from demonstrators opposed to COVID-19 public health measures on Friday night.*

Ottawa Citizen – Truck convoy: OPS waits for reinforcements, 26 criminal arrests lodged; Leiper urges police to close ‘the fun fair’

CTV News Ottawa – Ottawa police announce new charges related to convoy as downtown councillor calls for more action

***EXCERPT:** Police said in a media release Saturday morning that 140 criminal investigations are underway. Police have made 26 arrests and handed out more than 2,600 tickets alongside Ottawa Bylaw. A stolen vehicle bound for the protest was also seized, police said, making it the second stolen vehicle linked to the occupation.*

CTV News – TD Bank to hand convoy funds to court as organizers turn to cryptocurrency

***EXCERPT:** On Friday, TD Bank told CTV News that it would apply to surrender to an Ontario court the money that had not been refunded by GoFundMe, totalling about \$1 million, as well as some \$400,000 the group had accepted through direct donations.*

Global National – Convoy protesters tear down fence protecting National War Memorial

City News – Two-thirds of Canadians support military force to end Ottawa protests: poll

The Globe and Mail – For Ottawa’s Chief Peter Sloly, police response to protests pits his progressive views against a complicated threat

CTV News – Police warn of delays at Cornwall border crossing amid tractor protest

CP24 – Concerns about violence make it difficult to know when protests will end: Trudeau

CBC News – Still no end in sight for main convoy protest, even as Ambassador Bridge enforcement continues

The National Post – LIVE UPDATES: Today's coverage of Freedom Convoy protests across Canada

The Ottawa Citizen – Lawyer for class action suit against 'Freedom Convoy' warns of fake Twitter accounts, unsanctioned fundraisers

Global News Ottawa – Trucker protests: Ottawa sees demonstrations enter 3rd weekend amid Ontario State of Emergency

EXCERPT: *In terms of any major scale enforcement, we are not seeing that. The last update from police, they had issued 1,700 tickets. We know that police are handing out tickets in some cases, but there is nothing going on terms of a large-scale police enforcement that is focused on actually getting people out of here."*

Windsor

Global News – Windsor police begin clearing out Ambassador Bridge convoy protesters

Video footage in article of "OPP tactical" vehicles.

EXCERPT (video): *In the last few minutes, some of the people have started to take on the police here, tell the police that they should stand down, that they should back away, and that they in fact would be better off if they did that... probably 150 police officers here, in uniform, there's also armoured personnel carrier, there are police snipers on the roof of the Custom's building...[truncated] Police are very well equipped here."*

The Hamilton Spec – 'Freedom convoy' protests: More protesters continue to join standoff with police at Ambassador Bridge

CP24 – Windsor police start to push protesters from Ambassador bridge as demonstrations continue

EXCERPT: *Officers with the Windsor Police Service, the RCMP, Ontario Provincial Police and others slowly started moving in on protesters near the Ambassador Bridge around mid-morning after a court-ordered deadline for clearing the site passed - and was largely ignored - on Friday evening.*

Toronto

Global News – Protesters gather near Ontario legislature as anti-mandate protests continue

EXCERPT: *Hundreds of protesters gathered on the grounds of the Ontario legislature on Saturday, for another round of demonstrations in solidarity with the anti-mandate demonstrations in Ottawa. By noon Saturday, crowds had gathered at the park north of Queen's Park.*

Toronto Sun – Toronto cops block off entire downtown core ahead of potential protest

CP24 – Toronto police close stretches of Gardiner Expressway, DVP to block trucker convoy

Sarnia/Niagara/Ontario

In Niagara – Niagara police double down on promise to keep eye on protesters at Peace Bridge in Fort Erie

Niagara Falls Review – 'Freedom convoy' takes over waterfront roads beneath Peace Bridge in Fort Erie

The Brantford Expositor – Blue Water Bridge open Saturday as police clear blockade in Windsor

CTV News London – 'Slow roll' convoys planned for Huron and Bruce counties on Saturday

Canada-Wide

CTV News Montreal – 'Freedom convoy' protesters and counter-protesters descend on same park in Montreal

CTV News Vancouver – Surrey RCMP restricting access to border crossing as hundreds attend trucker convoy

International

UPI – French police tear gas 'Freedom Convoy' protesters in Paris

1News – Thousands of anti-mandate protesters march in Canberra

Topical but not protest-related

The Ottawa Citizen – COVID-19: Hospitalizations continue to slide in Ontario; four more deaths in Ottawa

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